TEXAS STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS THROUGH THE ASPPB PLUS SYSTEM

The Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (TSBEP) is excited to offer applicants applying for provisional or full licensure, the opportunity to apply online via the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) Psychology Licensure Application System (PLUS). Currently, ASPPB and the TSBEP are in the pilot phase of launching this new system. During this pilot phase, the number of applicants permitted to apply through the PLUS system will be limited, and selected on a first-come first-serve basis. Also, the only fees incurred during this pilot period will be those required by TSBEP. For more information on applying in Texas via the PLUS system, please click here.

If you are interested in applying for licensure in Texas via the PLUS system, please contact the Board's Licensing Division at 512-305-7700 to check on the availability of the system.

Increased Renewal Fees

Beginning October 1, 2013, annual renewal fees for some licensees will increase slightly.

The new fees will be as follows:

- Psychological Associate \$121 (remains \$16 for those over the age of 70)
- Provisionally Licensed Psychologist \$116 (remains \$16 for those over 70)
- Psychologist \$212 (remains \$16 for those over 70)
- Health Service Provider status \$20
- Licensed Specialist in School Psychology \$64 (remains \$14 for those over 70)

Upcoming Changes to Professional Development Requirements

Beginning **October 1, 2014**, all licensees renewing their license will be required to show completion of **20 hours** of professional development (formerly continuing education). Of these 20 hours, 3 hours must be in the areas of ethics, Board rules, or professional responsibility, and 3 hours must be in the area of cultural diversity. Furthermore, at least half of the required 20 hours of professional development must be obtained from or endorsed by national, regional, state, or local psychological associations, public school districts, regional service centers for public school districts, or psychology programs at regionally accredited institutions of higher education.

50 State Review of Telepsychology by APA

The American Psychological Association has recently published a review of the regulations governing the practice of telepsychology in each of the 50 states. This review may be downloaded from the APA's website at http://www.apapracticecentral.org/update/2013/10-24/telepsychology-review.aspx

The Board makes no guarantee regarding the accuracy of this review, and as with any information set forth on a third-party website, the user is encouraged to review the actual law before relying upon any statement or summary of the law.